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SUBJ: M-16 RIFLES FOR THAILAND

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1. AS INDICATED REFTTEL, COLT'S MANAGER INTERNATIONAL SALES, ROB ROY, ARRIVED IN BANGKOK AND CALLED ON AMBASSADOR MORNING OF JULY 10 PRIOR TO CALLING ON GENERAL KRIANGSAK AND LT. GENERAL PRASARN, CONTROLLER-GENERAL, SUPREME COMMAND HEADQUARTERS. ROY SAID COLT WOULD GO ALONG WITH KRIANGSAK'S POSITION TO PURCHASE 30,000 M-16'S FROM SINGAPORE WITH IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AND 30,000 FROM COLT.

2. AFTER MEETING WITH RTG OFFICIALS, ROY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT NEGOTIATIONS WENT AS ANTICIPATED. THE THAI WILL PURCHASE 30,000 FROM SINGAPORE FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AND 30,000 FROM COLT WITH DELIVERY IN THREE PACKAGES OF 10,000 EACH SCHEDULED FOR 115, 145 AND 175 DAY DELIVERY. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT RTG WOULD ASK USG TO ACT AS QUALITY CONTROL AGENT FOR COLT'S 30,000 RIFLES.

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3. ROY DEPARTS FOR MANILA IN A DAY OR TWO, BUT PLANS TO

RETURN TO BANGKOK JULY 16 TO ASSIST IN NAILING DOWN ANY
LOOSE ENDS AND CLOSING THE DEAL.
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